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THE POPE WANTS CUBA TO MEDIATE.

General Weyler's Danger from
Dynamite.

ANTONIO MACEO TO JOIN GOMEZ.

Senor Labra Says Local Autonomy is
Indispensable—Hard Fighting is Ex-
pected—Rebels Short of Provisions.
General Fitzhugh Lee is to Start.

NEW YORK, May 4.—A dispatch to
the Herald from Madrid says:

Despite denials from official circles
that the Pope, through the nuncio here,
has urged Spain to accept America's
mediation in Cuban affairs, there is an
impression, especially among military
men and Cuban representatives, that
the report is true.
It is considered certain here that the
explosion in the Governor General's
palace in Havana was caused by separat-
ists. Those in Cuba, and also those
in Paris, have made no secret lately of
their intention to try to put General
Weyler out of the way.

A special from Rome to the Herald
says:
Nothing is known at the Spanish em-
bassy here regarding the alleged medi-
ation of the Pope on the Cuban ques-
tion. Cardinal Galimberti is seriously
ill, suffering from an affection of the
larynx.

A dispatch to the Herald from Ha-
vana says:

Antonio Maceo is anxious to cross the
trocha and unite with General Gomez.
He is said to find it difficult to find
provisions in Pinar del Rio sufficient to
supply his army. It was proposed that
the men who are natives of the prov-
ince, mainly whites, surrender their
horses to the men he took there, nearly
all of whom are negroes, and also give
them nearly all their scant supplies and
ammunition, as hard fighting is ex-
pected in crossing the trocha. Objections
were made on every side and no at-
tempt was made to carry out the plan.

GENERAL LEE IS READY.

Makes Hasty Preparations to Go to
Cuba.

RICHMOND, Va., May 24.—General
Fitzhugh Lee qualified last night be-
fore a United States commissioner as
Consul General to Cuba. On Monday
night General Lee received a telegram
from Secretary Olney asking him when
he could leave for Cuba. He replied
that he could arrange to go in a few
days—that is, if the State Department
would forward the necessary papers to
be executed at Richmond, he would lose
no time in getting ready. A large pack-
age, containing among other things the
oath of allegiance and form of bond,
came in the morning. General Lee has
arranged with a Baltimore company for
his bond, and he filled up this paper and
mailed it. He will get his final in-
structions from President Cleveland on
either Friday or Saturday, and it is
probable that he will go to Havana next
week.

Victory for Cubans.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 1.—Advices
received here state that a notable vic-
tory has been won by the insurgents,
commanded by General Calixto Garcia,
of the province of Santiago de Cuba.
General Garcia's forces fell upon the
Spanish column commanded by General
Muniz and almost annihilated them.
The battle occurred near Sangre, on the
banks of the river Cuato, where Gen-
eral Garcia, moving west with 1,500
men, intended to cross the river.

Fillbuster Captured.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Advices
have reached Washington confirming
the report from Havana of the capture
by the Spanish naval forces of the Amer-
ican schooner Competitor, loaded with
arms and ammunition for the insur-
gents, and with a party of men on
board.

Alliance is Wanted.

MADRID, May 4.—Senor Labra, de-
puty for Cuba, speaking at Saville, de-
clared that Spain's natural policy was
an alliance with France and America.
The Cuban war, he said, if prolonged,
meant ruin for Spain, and there would
be renewed struggles unless reforms
for Cuba were conceded. Local au-
tonomy, he said, was indispensable.

PEACE IN NICARAGUA.

Insurgents Surrender and their Lead-
ers Depart.

MANAGUA, May 4.—The President of
the rebels, General Baca, sent a com-
mittee of foreign merchants of Leon to
President Zelaya and to the American
Minister, Lewis Baker, who arranged
for terms of peace. President Zelaya
demanded an unconditional surrender.
This was finally agreed to, and the gov-
ernment troops with flying colors entered
Leon today and took possession of the
insurgents, who surrendered all of
their ammunition. The rebel leaders,
their President and their various Min-
isters left the country to save their

lives. Minister Gomez has officially no-
tified United States Minister Baker that
the war was ended and that peace had
been established. The port of Corinto
will be opened to commerce in a few
days. It is expected that the American
cruiser Alert will sail north soon.

CONDITION ENCOURAGING.

Whites Combine Forces to Wipe Out
Nataleles.

LONDON, May 2.—A dispatch from
Capetown to the Daily Telegraph says:
The latest news from Matabeleland is
very encouraging. The Dutch and Eng-
lish there are fighting side by side, and
the former are taking a leading part,
owing to their knowledge of the native
methods of warfare.
This indicates that the former refusal
of the burghers to join with the Eng-
lish, owing to the refusal of the latter
to allow them to form a separate com-
mand under their own commandant,
has been reconsidered and that the
whites are all fighting together.

The Daily Telegraph dispatch further
says: At the opening of the Cape Par-
liament today the speech of the Gov-
ernor, Sir Hercules Robinson, dwelt
upon the lamentable results in the
Jameson raid.

SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS.

Epidemic Shows How Lives May be
Saved.

LONDON, May 1.—The smallpox epi-
demic in Gloucester is interesting from
a vaccination point of view. Out of 366
cases, 297 had never been vaccinated,
158 had been vaccinated only in in-
fancy, and only one had been re-vac-
cinated. Of 81 deaths 70 had been
unvaccinated and the remaining 11 had
been vaccinated only as babies. Further-
more, the unvaccinated who were so
fortunate as to escape death will be hor-
ribly marked for life. The people of
Gloucester read the moral in these facts
and no less than 20,000 persons have
been vaccinated there since the out-
break of the loathsome epidemic.

SENSATION IN ENGLAND.

Papers in Possession of South African
Government.

Canadian Political Affairs Are Settling
Down—After Vexatious Delay
a Ministry is Secured.

LONDON, May 1.—It would be diffi-
cult to overestimate the sensation caus-
ed in England by the publication of the
substances of the telegrams and docu-
ments which came into the possession
of the authorities of the South African
Republic. The weight of evidence which
they furnish against the persons to
whom they are addressed, and by whom
they were signed, as to those persons
being engaged in the conspiracy to
overthrow the Transvaal, is admitted
to be crushing. The press very gen-
erally condemns them. But strenuous
efforts are being made to prevent a sweep-
ing condemnation of the authorities of
Cape Colony and the authorities of the
British South African Chartered Com-
pany further than the individuals in-
cluded in the documentary evidence.

TUPPER'S CABINET.

Sir Charles Submits His Selections to
the Governor-General.

OTTAWA, May 1.—The following
Cabinet was submitted to his excellency
the Governor General this afternoon by
Sir Charles Tupper, and all except
Lieutenant Colonel Tisdale, who is not
in the city, were sworn in by Lord
Aberdeen at his office in the Western
block at 2 o'clock:

President of the Council—A. R. An-
giers.

Postmaster General—L. O. Taillon.

Minister of Marine and Fisheries—
John Costigan.

Minister of Railways—John G. Hag-
gart.

Minister of Finance—George E. Fos-
ter.

Minister of Public Works—A. Des-
jardins.

Minister of Justice—A. R. Dickey.

Minister of Militia—Lieutenant Colo-
nel Tisdale.

Minister of Agriculture—W. H. Mon-
tagne.

Minister of the Interior—Hugh John
Macdonald.

Secretary of State, Sir Charles Tup-
per.

Minister of Trade and Commerce—W.
B. Ives.

Solicitor General—Sir C. H. Tupper.

Controller of Customs—J. F. Wood.

Controller of Inland Revenue—Lieut-
enant Colonel E. G. Prior.

Without Portfolio—Sir Frank Smith,
Hon. Donald Ferguson, Hon. J. J. Ross
(ex-Speaker of the Senate).

Mr. D. P. Davis, a prominent, liv-
erly man and merchant of Goshen, Va., has
this to say on the subject of rheuma-
tism: "I take pleasure in recom-
mending Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheu-
matism, as I know from personal ex-
perience that it will do all that is
claimed for it. A year ago this spring
my brother was laid up in bed with in-
flammatory rheumatism and suffered
intensely. The first application of Cham-
berlain's Pain Balm eased the pain, and
the use of one bottle completely cured
him." For sale by all druggists and
dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents
for Hawaiian Islands.

MURDERED AT HIS DEVOTIONS.

Assassin Disguised as a Woman
Kills the Shah.

THE RESULT OF A CONSPIRACY.

Waiting for Two Months to Kill the
Monarch—Plot Hatched at Constan-
tinople—Murderer Caught Immedi-
ately—Closely Questioned—Reasons.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The follow-
ing cablegram was received by Secre-
tary Olney at 2:40 o'clock this afternoon
from Minister McDonald at Teheran.
Persia: "Shah visiting shrine near the
city today for devotion, upon entering
the inner sanctuary was shot by an as-
sassin, disguised as a woman, the bul-
let entering the region of the heart.
Expired within two minutes. Fratri-
cide, revolutionary fanatic. Great dis-
tress but city quiet."

RESULT OF CONSPIRACY.

Assassin Was Follower of Political
Agitator.

TEHERAN, May 4.—It has been defi-
nitely ascertained that the assassin of
the late Shah of Persia, Nazra-ed-Din,
is Mollah Reza, a follower of the well
known agitator, Sheikh Jem Alledin,
who was exiled in 1894 after having
been convicted of high treason.

Since his arrest for the murder of the
Shah, Reza has been closely questioned
by the judicial authorities. At first he
professed to have acted entirely on his
own account and in the interests of his
people, to whom, he claimed, reforms
to which they were justly entitled had
been refused. Later, however, the pris-
oner confessed that the assassination
of the Shah was the outcome of a de-
liberate and long planned conspiracy,
and that he was chosen to do the deed.

He added that he had waited for two
months for a favorable opportunity
to shoot the Shah, which confirms the
authorities in their belief that the con-
spiracy was hatched in Constantinople,
as it is about two months since Reza
left that city for Teheran. The as-
sassin also admitted that upon many
occasions he succeeded in approaching
the late Shah under various disguises,
but that it was not until Friday last
that he was near enough to fire the fatal
shot.

PAYS OVER MONEY.

Stanford University Trustees Get their
\$2,500,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Mrs. Jane
Stanford, as executrix of the estate of
Senator Stanford, has been ordered by
Judge Coffey to pay into the city treas-
ury the sum of \$235,750, the amount as-
sessed against the estate for the col-
lateral inheritance tax. The attorneys
for the estate have given notice of ap-
peal to the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Stanford on Wednesday last turned
over to the trustees of Stanford Uni-
versity \$2,500,000, the amount of Sen-
ator Stanford's bequest to Stanford Uni-
versity. The amount given to the trust-
ees by Mrs. Stanford was in railroad
bonds which pay interest at the rate of
\$10,000 a month. It costs \$15,000 a month
to run the university, and Mrs. Stan-
ford will make up the deficit from her
personal estate. The great ranches,
which also belong to the university, do
not do more than pay expenses, and
the institution will probably derive no
income from them for several years.

Electrical Exhibition.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Governor
Levi P. Morton will touch the button on
Saturday night in New York and the
big cannon will be discharged in Union
Square, this city. This will announce
the opening of the electrical exhibition
in New York City. By the aid of the
Pacific Postal Company, Governor Mor-
ton has been enabled, from one of the
largest circuits ever known, to perform
this ceremony.

"EXPANDED" TELEGRAMS.

Some very amusing information about
"expanded" telegrams has come out in
the course of a trial in London. The
Literary Digest furnishes the result of
the trial and gives some extracts. The
case was the London Times versus the
Central News Agency. The charge was
"improper expansion of telegrams."

The case came up through a Japanese
paper publishing an article showing
that the telegrams had been largely
manufactured in London, and that those
coming from the seat of war came
from Tokio. The counsel for the Times
said:

"The Times thought the telegrams
genuine and even commented upon the
excellence of the service in its editorial
columns. As a matter of fact, the words
received by the Central News during
the war amounted to 7,413. Of these
3,887 were in 17 telegrams for which

there was no authority. The Times was
supplied with 33,112 words altogether.
The Times, therefore, paid for an excess
of 29,186 words. Among the instances
in which the Central News representa-
tive, had drawn considerably upon his
imagination was one in which 41 words
had been 'expanded' into 447. The
Times was not the only paper supplied
with these telegrams. A large number
of publications received the news at
sixpence per line. The following are
samples of telegrams which were 'high-
ly edited' before they were sent to the
patrons of the Central News Agency:
"Upon attack Old Nan Ching found
foreign missionary who immediately
taken under our protection."
This was sent to the Times as:
"While the Japanese were having
their desperate fighting in the streets of
Old Nan Ching they found in one of the
houses a brave British missionary, who,
despite the danger, had determined to
remain at his post. A special Japanese
guard was immediately ordered to pro-
tect him."
"In another case the message received
was:
"General Weifor Ping Wang defeat-
ed beheaded."
This was expanded into:
"A Tien Tsin dispatch states that
General Wei was beheaded this morn-
ing. The Imperial Council had repre-
sented to the Emperor that in retiring
from Ping Wang before the Japanese
had commenced their attack upon the
place, General Wei had been guilty of
cowardice before the enemy, and had
contributed to the defeat. Therefore
his death was ordered. General Wei
met his death with fortitude."

One thing can be said for the Hono-
lulu papers. They do not expand the
news, but they work very hard to con-
dense it. The humor of the above situ-
ation lies in the payment of "sixpence
a line" for the "expanded" stuff and
then paying the service in the edi-
torial columns. Sharp fellows; those of
the Central News Agency. Stock should
have sold high!

WILL GO TO THE ORIENT

Attorney General and Dr. C. B. Wood
To Visit Asia.

May Appoint Quarantine Inspectors.
Dr. Wood will Study the
Plague—To Sail on Doric.

As a result of the discussion upon the
best ways and means to protect this
country from the contagious diseases
rampant in Asia, W. O. Smith, Presi-
dent of the Board of Health, and Dr.
C. B. Wood will leave on the Doric for
Yokohama, Hong Kong and other Asi-
atic ports to investigate the condition of
public health in those places and ar-
range for the enforcement of quaran-
tine regulations among immigrants
coming to this country.

Following the action of the last meet-
ing of the Board of Health, which prac-
tically declared Honolulu a closed port
to Asiatic steerage passengers during
the cholera, the question arose whether
such a radical move was necessary or
conducive to the best interests of this
country.

Reference to the health regulations
of the United States showed that the
problem of dealing with the steerage
passengers from infected ports had
been very successfully solved by re-
quiring a certain period of quarantine
previous to the departure of the pas-
sengers from the infected districts. This
scheme could be carried out success-
fully by seeing to it that the Govern-
ment was represented by responsible health
officers at the ports of departure.

The experience of the Honolulu Board
of Health with the Hawaiian representa-
tive at Hong Kong was very good evi-
dence that with the increasing facilities
for communication with Asiatic ports
the Hawaiian Government representa-
tives in those ports needed personal at-
tention. Either Honolulu must be closed
to steerage passengers from the Orient,
or the Government must have officials
at the other end of the line who would
keep a careful watch over the people
taking passage. To adopt the first
method would cut off immigration from
the Orient at a season when laborers
were needed, and might seriously in-
terfere with Hawaii's commercial re-
lations in the East.

Hence it was decided to delegate
President Smith, the executive officer
of the Board, and Dr. Wood as its medi-
cal representative, to go to Japan and
China for a six or eight weeks' tour of
investigation. Mr. Smith will probably
be given authority to appoint such
health officers as may be deemed neces-
sary. Dr. Wood will devote his time
more especially to an investigation of
the plague that is now raging in many
Asiatic cities. He will make as com-
plete a study of the disease as is pos-
sible in the time allotted, its symptoms,
method of treatment and the best
means of protection.

The Board of Health has adopted the
quarantine regulations promulgated by
the United States Treasury Department
in 1893, and an Act embodying the prin-
ciple features of these regulations has
already passed the House of Repre-
sentatives, and will probably receive
the unanimous sanction of the Senate.

The steamship companies affected by
this latest move of the Board of Health
are entirely in sympathy with the pro-
posed action of the Government, and it
is highly probable that they will assist
in defraying the expenses of the Gov-
ernment representatives.

COMMITTEE REPORT FAVOR ANNEXATION.

Political Union is the Sense of
Legislature.

WORKING ON LICENSE PROBLEM.

Kapiolani Park Association and the
Relief Bill—Decision of the Supreme
Court on School Matters—Little
License Discussion in the House.

Senate convened at ten o'clock; all
the members present.

Minister Cooper handed the secre-
tary decision of Supreme Court on the
subject of taxation of sectarian schools.
Following is the report:

The question upon which the opinion
of the Justices of the Supreme Court is
asked by the Executive is stated in
your letter of the 28th ult., as follows:
"Has the Legislature authority, under
Article 97 of the Constitution, to ex-
empt property from taxes that is owned
or held by any association having or
maintaining in or upon such property
any sectarian, denominational or pri-
vate school?"

Article 97 of the Constitution reads:
"From and after December 31st, 1895,
no public money shall be appropriated
or public land conveyed to or for the
support or benefit of any sectarian, de-
nominational or private school, or any
school not under the exclusive control
of the Government."

In the absence of constitutional re-
strictions, the power of the Legislature
to exempt classes of property from tax-
ation is unquestionable. The constitu-
tional provisions to secure equality and
uniformity of taxation are held not to
prohibit the exemption of certain
classes from the general law, the rule
of equity and uniformity applying only
to such subjects of taxation as the Leg-
islature may select.

The exemption from taxes in ques-
tion (i.e., of private schools) is not
within the letter of the prohibition of
Article 97 of the Constitution, which
forbids only grants of money or land
for such schools, and which does not
forbid all aid of any character.

An exemption is not literally a grant
of the same amount or a conveyance
of the same value. The argument might
be made that the release of a certain
object of taxation from the operation
of the general law necessitates the im-
position of heavier taxes for public pur-
poses upon objects not exempt, and that
the exemption is equivalent to a grant
of money of the same amount to the
exempted object. The argument is a
rather forced one, and it is doubtful
if its premises are true. Cogent reasons
may readily be imagined which may
have moved the framers of the Consti-
tution to insert the prohibition in ques-
tion, forbidding appropriations of
money or conveyances of land to pri-
vate schools, which would not be good
reasons against exempting such schools
from taxation. As courts are bound to
solve reasonable doubts in favor of
legislative authority, and must have
clear and strong convictions that an
Act of the Legislature violates a con-
stitutional provision, we feel author-
ized to advise you that such an Act
of the Legislature as is the subject of your
inquiry would not be in contravention
of the 97th Article of the Constitution.

Secretary read report of bills passed
in House and presented certified copies
of same. Senator Waterhouse reported
for the Finance Committee making
corrections of errors made in printed
appropriation bill. Report was ac-
cepted to be considered with the bill.

Senator Lyman, from committee on
lands, reported on bill 21, relating to
fences.

Same Senator presented the following
joint resolutions:

Whereas it has, in the past, been the
announced policy, both of the Provi-
sional Government and the Republic of
Hawaii, to advocate the annexation of
Hawaii to the United States of Amer-
ica;

And whereas the Legislature of the
Republic of Hawaii is now in regular
session assembled, and will soon ad-
journ for a considerable period;

And whereas it is fitting that the
elected representatives of the people
should place themselves on record as to
the present state of feeling among
themselves and their constituents upon
this subject;

Be it resolved by the Senate and the
House of Representatives that the Leg-
islature of the Republic of Hawaii con-
tinues to be as heretofore, firmly and
steadfastly in favor of annexation to
the United States of America, and in
advocating such policy they are ex-
pressing not only their own sentiments
but those of an overwhelming major-
ity of the lawful voters of Hawaii.

On motion of Senator Waterhouse
the resolution passed.

The Secretary reported having pre-
sented the act relating to postage
stamps to the Minister of Finance and
his declining to sign, referring him to
the President. The latter had declined
to sign because it was not a joint res-
olution. Secretary said he would have
to lay it on the table.

Senator McCandless wanted it
brought up by a joint resolution of the
Finance Committee.